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The Honorable John McCain United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

The Acting Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 12 February which extended an invitation for Mr. Gates' participation in a televised discussion about national security. I can assure you that he considers it important for these issues to be discussed in forums like your public affairs program to ensure that people are informed, ideas are exchanged and some understanding develops about very complex issues.

Mr. Gates regrets, however, that he will not be able to accept your invitation.

Sincerely,

/s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

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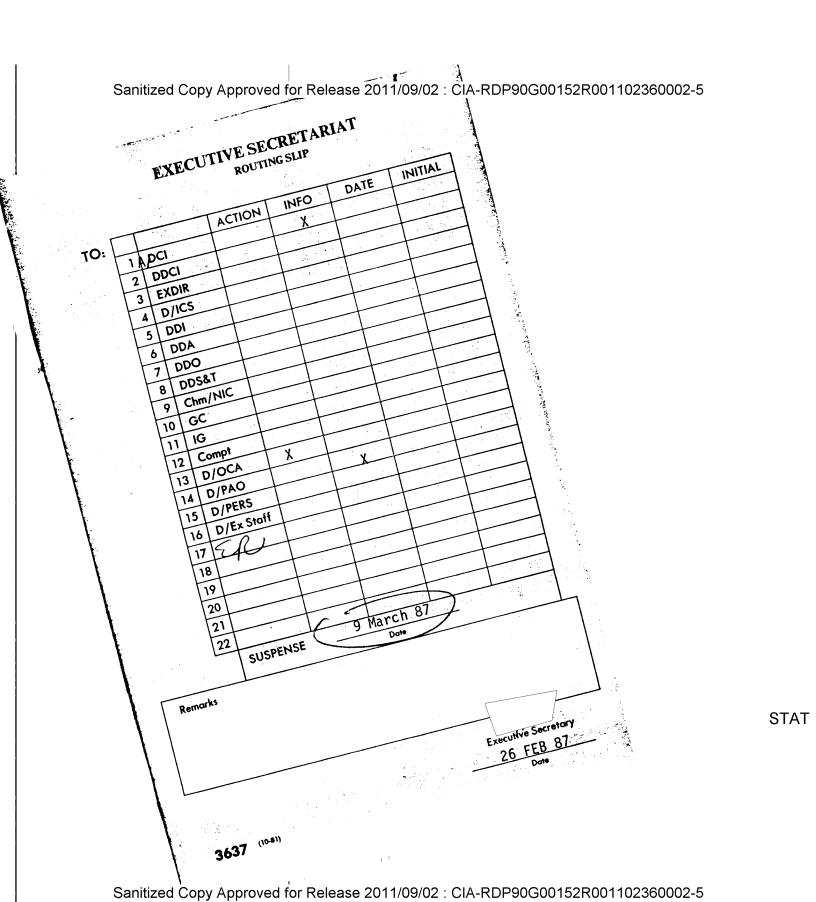
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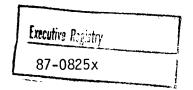
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510



February 12, 1987

Honorable Robert M. Gates Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Gates:

I would like to invite you to be a guest on a public affairs television show that I host called John McCain's Senate Report. Ten cable networks throughout Arizona air the program every month.

The program, which lasts thirty minutes, includes my introduction of the guest, followed by an informal question and answer session. It is taped in the Hart Senate Office Building the third week of every month.

I am certain that my constituents would be particularly interested in your views on national security issues. If you are interested in appearing on next month's program, or at any time in the future, please have a member of your staff contact Torie Clarke or Scott Celley at 224-2235.

Sincerely,

John McCain U.S. Senator

JM/vc

